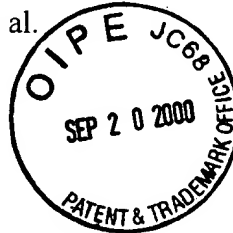


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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2000, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and response, and reconsideration of the above-identified application.

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) thereby extending the time period for response up to and including September 27, 2000. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$870.00, as well as payment of any other required fees or to credit any overpayment, to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as indicated below.

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